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**A Pleasant Occasion.**  
Mr. Horton:—Thinking possibly you would allow me space in your columns to tell what a nice time we all had at our friend and neighbor's, R. K. Hartley, on Sunday, Jan. 24th.  
About forty or fifty persons met at his residence on Sunday in the forenoon through kind invitations for the purpose of celebrating his 49th birthday. We covered pleasantly until about 12:30, when dinner was announced, and we filed into the dining room, where we beheld a table almost groaning under the weight of good things to eat, which we were soon enjoying to the fullest extent. If one had not been hungry he could not have refrained from eating when he beheld such choice viands spread in lavish abundance and inhaled the rich aroma arising therefrom.  
Enough cannot be said for the good wife and splendid daughters who prepared the feast, nor for the 'Squire in whose honor it was spread. They all did their best to make the occasion pleasant for each one present and certainly succeed most admirably.  
The town of Blowing Rock was well represented, as well as the country, but we all mingled to gether like brethren and sisters until about 3, p. m., when we began to take leave of each other, and the hospitable family, with many wishes on our parts that they may live many more years, even down to old age, and then be gathered home with the fathers gone before.  
Wm. ELROD.

Some of the people of King's Creek, near the Wilkes line, have been receiving letters lately, mailed at Hickory, N. C., notifying them that if Geneva Lewis and Levi Dyson did not leave the settlement by a certain time there would be trouble. They would not leave and trouble came last week when four men took Geneva and Levi out and gave them a sound thrashing with a brush, giving them notice that the performance would be repeated soon, if they did not leave. They left for parts unknown. Geneva is a grass widow with several children of uncertain color. Dyson is a young man, deaf and dumb.—Lenoir News.

The first telegraph line was opened in China in 1872, and there are now about 15,000 miles of line, the whole being under imperial control. The Chinese language being syllabic and not alphabetic, many may wonder how a message is transmitted. The method is simple but ingenious. There are as many characters as words in the Chinese language and the messages are sent in number cipher. When the numbers are received at the other end a double ended type is used with numbers at one end and characters at the reverse. A message is set up by the numbers and then printed from the reverse end, which shows the characters.—London Globe.

The friends of Hon. W. C. Newland will be glad to learn that he is making an able and dignified parliamentarian and bids fair to distinguish his high office. On inauguration day he wore a silk hat and red coronation on the lapel of his coat and looked very much like a Governor. We do not believe that the farmers of Caldwell county would have recognized him, but notwithstanding his grave and dignified appearance he was the same genial gentleman.—Catawba Co. News.

The question, "What are we to do with our presidents?" has been recently asked. The answer is, "We must stop electing them."—The White House.

**TONGUE TWISTERS.**  
A growing gleam growing green  
The bleak breeze blighted the  
bright broom blossom.  
Flesh of freshly fried flying fish.  
It is simply impossible for any one to repeat these three sentences fast. They are the gems of a collection of tongue twisters that an elocutionist has made. And almost equally difficult are the following, taken at random from 'he elocutionist's collection of more than 200 tongue twisters.  
Six thick thistle sticks.  
Two toads tried to trot to Ted-bury.  
Give Grimes Jim's great gilt gig whip.  
Strict, strong Stephen Stringer snared sly six sickly silky snakes.  
She stood at the door of Mrs. Smith's fish sauce shop welcoming him in.—Scrap Book.

**POINTED PARAGRAPHS.**  
It may be possible for a man to write a sensible love letter, but he never does.  
The reason a man's proposal is always so sudden to a girl is, she arranged it.  
We often forget when talking about people that we are talking about somebody's friends.  
Even one taste defeat may be hard to swallow.  
The crookness of the river is but a matter of course.  
A broken promise cannot be mended so that it will look like new.  
It's easier to make a bluff than it is to get other people to stand for it.  
One woman is always suspicious of another woman who does not talk much.

Most men are cheerful gives when they have a chance to hand out advice.  
Don't worry. Things are never half as bad as it is possible for them to be.  
No, Alonzo, a sinking fund should not be used for the purpose of floating stocks.  
The man who makes a dollar and spends two will never break into the tax-dodger class.  
Run over the list of your friends and you will be surprised at the number you could dispense with.  
The man who does nothing puts it all over the rest of us in one respect. He never makes a mistake of any consequence.

If there only were a path which one could choose once for all, and then walk in it with a care less mind, life would be much easier than it is. But the path is always narrow and often obscure; Every step requires both judgment and choice; and most of us are constantly stepping off on the one side or the other, and, in consequence, getting mired, if nothing worse. One cannot think once for all and then live thoughtlessly; he cannot choose once for all and then live carelessly; every day and every hour he must make his choice between the narrow path of virtue and the vice which lies all the way on either side of him.—Dr. Lyman Abbott.

A hawk caught a grown chicken at the home of Mr. J. Frank Fink, in No 5 township, last Monday and after eating a part of the chicken flew away. Thinking perhaps the hawk would come again, Mr. Fink made a trap and set it over the remaining part of the chicken, with the result that the hawk came back the next day to finish up the chicken and was caught in the trap. This is the third trick of the kind that Mr. Fink has played on hawks.—Concord Times.

Two colored sisters living in a suburban town, met on the street one day, and Sister Washington who recently joined the church, was describing the experiences.  
"Deet, Mrs. Johnson, I've joined de Baptist Church, but I could not do all the 'bin' here, 'cause dey had to take me to de city church to baptize me. You know dere ain't no pool room in de city church."

**IN MEMORY.**  
Mrs. Pearl A. Parsons, the subject of this sketch, was born Feb. 11, 1889, and died Sept. 4, 1908, aged 19 years, 7 months and 23 days. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hodges, and was married to S. J. Parsons April 18, 1908.

She professed faith in Christ at the age of fifteen, but never joined any church, but to all appearances she lived a Christian life, and we have hopes that she has gone to that rest that remains for the people of God. She was a constant Bible-reader and found much comfort in perusing the sacred volume. Her suffering was great but she bore it with patience waiting, as she expressed it, the Lord's will.

She often remarked on her death bed that she was going to die, and heaven was open and waiting for her and she would soon be there. She held to her sister's hand and begged her to stay with her until she died, which would not be long. She said she was ready and willing to die, and we have the full assurance that our loss is her eternal gain. Earth has lost a jewel, heaven has gained a star. She leaves a husband, father, mother, four sisters and two brothers and a host of friends relatives to mourn her departure.

**CARRIE HODGES.**  
Tom, age five, accompanied his father to church one cold Sunday morning, and upon their return his mother asked him if he could repeat the minister's text. "Course I can," replied the little fellow. "He got up and rubbed his hands together and said: 'Many are cold, but few are frozen.'"—Chicago News.

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**COMPANY MANNERS.**  
A small boy was asked to take dinner with distinguished professor, and the lad's mother gave him repeated directions. Upon his return, the first question was, "Harold did you get along all right at the table?"  
"O, yes, mother; well enough."  
"You're sure you didn't do anything that was not perfectly polite and gentlemanly?"  
"Why, no; nothing to speak of."  
"Then something did happen. What was it?"  
"But I liked it all right, mother."  
"Tell me at once."  
"Why, I got along pretty well until the meat came; but while I was trying to eat mine, it slipped from my plate onto the floor. But I made it all right."  
"What did you do?"  
"Oh, I just said, 'That's always the way with tough meat.'"  
Youth's Companion.

Washington, Once Gave Up.  
to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spider's bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed, then "Hucklen's Anicura Salve" completely cured me," writes John Washington, of Rosqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles its supreme, 25c. at all druggists.

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